

## NOT VOTING—19

Chenoweth	Kennedy (RI)	Shimkus
Doolittle	Luther	Stark
Ewing	Poshard	Tiaht
Frank (MA)	Rogan	Torres
Gibbons	Ros-Lehtinen	Towns
Gonzalez	Scarborough	
Harman	Schiff	

So the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

## ¶13.6 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

## ¶13.7 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2369

Ms. PRYCE, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-427) the resolution (H. Res. 377) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2369) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

## ¶13.8 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3130

Ms. PRYCE, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-428) the resolution (H. Res. 378) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3130) to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate inter-jurisdictional adoption requirements.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

## ¶13.9 PUERTO RICO SELF-GOVERNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, pursuant to House Resolution 376 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 856) to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. DIAZ-BALART as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

## ¶13.10 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. GUTIERREZ to the amendment submitted by Mr. SOLOMON:

Amendment submitted by Mr. GUTIERREZ:

Amendment offered by Mr. GUTIERREZ to the amendment offered by Mr. SOLOMON:

In the amendment proposed to section 4(a) of the bill, in lieu of the text proposed to be

inserted as paragraph (7) of subparagraph C of the referendum language, insert the following:

“(7) Spanish is an official language of Puerto Rico and its only vernacular language and as such is the official language of business and communication—

“(A) in the State government, courts, schools, and agencies; and

“(B) in Federal courts and agencies when such courts and agencies are acting in or with regard to Puerto Rico.”.

Amendment submitted by Mr. SOLOMON:

At the end of section 2, add the following paragraph:

(16) In 1996, the United States House of Representatives overwhelmingly declared that “the official language of the Federal Government is English”. According to the 1990 United States Census, less than 24 percent of the citizens of Puerto Rico speak English fluently. The enhancement of English as the official language of Puerto Rico is consistent not only with this statement of policy, but also with the preservation of our Nation’s unity in diversity and the prevention of divisions along linguistic lines. Proficiency in the English language is necessary for all citizens to enjoy the full rights and benefits of their citizenship as guaranteed by the Constitution and to contribute most effectively to the Nation in all aspects. Conducting the business of Federal and State governments in English is the best way to promote efficiency and fairness to every citizen. Only proficiency in English can provide all Americans the enjoyment of the rights and benefits of full participation in the American economy and union.

Strike subsection (b) of section 3 and insert the following new subsection:

(b) OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.—The official language of the Federal Government is English. The legislature of Puerto Rico has established a bilingual policy by making both Spanish and English official languages of Puerto Rico, but has continued to operate its government solely in Spanish, as the majority of the people in Puerto Rico are not proficient in English. In the event that the referendum held under this Act results in approval of a request to Congress that Puerto Rico be admitted to the Union as a State and the Congress approves such statehood, English will be the sole official language of all Federal Government activities in Puerto Rico and, unless otherwise provided by generally applicable Federal law, all communications with the Federal Government by the Government or people of Puerto Rico will be in English. This Act, the procedures authorized by this Act, and the possible accession of Puerto Rico to statehood do not create or alter any rights of a person to government services in languages other than English.

In section 4(a), strike paragraph (7) of subparagraph C of the referendum language and insert the following new paragraph:

“(7) English is the official language of all business and communication of the Federal Government of the United States and all communications with the Federal Government will be in English unless generally applicable Federal law provides otherwise. Puerto Rico, as a State, promotes English as the official language of the State government, courts, and agencies. English is the language of instruction in public schools.”.

Strike subparagraph (C) of section 4(b)(1) and insert the following new subparagraph:

(C) Additionally, in the event of a vote in favor of United States sovereignty leading to statehood, the President shall include in the transition plan provided for in this Act that the Federal and State governments implement programs and incentives to promote

the acquisition and usage of English by the citizens of Puerto Rico, including but not limited to, teaching in English in public schools, the availability of fellowships and scholarships to increase the opportunities of the people of Puerto Rico to learn to speak, read, write, and understand English, and the provision of educational instruction in English to persons not in schools.

It was decided in the negative .....	Yeas .....	13
	Nays .....	406
	Answered present	1

## ¶13.11 [Roll No. 28]

## AYES—13

Conyers	Meeks (NY)	Serrano
Davis (IL)	Owens	Towns
Gutierrez	Pastor	Velazquez
Kennedy (MA)	Payne	
McKinney	Rush	

## NOES—406

Abercrombie	Cox	Greenwood
Ackerman	Coyne	Gutknecht
Aderholt	Cramer	Hall (OH)
Allen	Crane	Hall (TX)
Andrews	Crapo	Hamilton
Archer	Cubin	Hansen
Armey	Cummings	Hastert
Bachus	Cunningham	Hastings (FL)
Baesler	Danner	Hastings (WA)
Baker	Davis (FL)	Hayworth
Baldacci	Davis (VA)	Hefley
Ballenger	Deal	Hefner
Barcia	DeFazio	Herger
Barr	DeGette	Hill
Barrett (NE)	Delahunt	Hilleary
Barrett (WI)	DeLauro	Hilliard
Bartlett	DeLay	Hinchee
Barton	Deutscher	Hinojosa
Bass	Diaz-Balart	Hobson
Bateman	Dickey	Hoekstra
Becerra	Dicks	Holden
Bentsen	Dingell	Hooley
Bereuter	Dixon	Horn
Berman	Doggett	Hostettler
Berry	Dooley	Houghton
Billbray	Doyle	Hoyer
Bilirakis	Dreier	Hulshof
Bishop	Duncan	Hunter
Blagojevich	Dunn	Hutchinson
Bliley	Edwards	Hyde
Blumenauer	Ehlers	Inglis
Blunt	Ehrlich	Istook
Boehlert	Emerson	Jackson (IL)
Boehner	Engel	Jackson-Lee
Bonilla	English	(TX)
Bonior	Ensign	Jefferson
Borski	Eshoo	Jenkins
Boswell	Etheridge	John
Boucher	Evans	Johnson (CT)
Boyd	Everett	Johnson (WI)
Brady	Ewing	Johnson, E. B.
Brown (CA)	Farr	Johnson, Sam
Brown (FL)	Fattah	Jones
Brown (OH)	Fawell	Kanjorski
Bryant	Fazio	Kaptur
Bunning	Filner	Kasich
Burr	Foley	Kelly
Burton	Forbes	Kennedy (RI)
Buyer	Ford	Kennelly
Callahan	Fossella	Kildee
Calvert	Fowler	Kim
Camp	Fox	Kind (WI)
Campbell	Frank (MA)	King (NY)
Canady	Franks (NJ)	Kingston
Cannon	Frelinghuysen	Kleczka
Cardin	Frost	Klink
Carson	Furse	Klug
Castle	Galleghy	Knollenberg
Chabot	Ganske	Kolbe
Chambliss	Gejdenson	Kucinich
Chenoweth	Gekas	LaFalce
Christensen	Gephardt	LaHood
Clay	Gibbons	Lampson
Clayton	Gilchrest	Lantos
Clement	Gillmor	Largent
Clyburn	Gilman	Latham
Coble	Goode	LaTourette
Coburn	Goodlatte	Lazio
Collins	Goodling	Leach
Combest	Gordon	Levin
Condit	Goss	Lewis (CA)
Cook	Graham	Lewis (GA)
Cooksey	Granger	Lewis (KY)
Costello	Green	Linder